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**REMARKS**

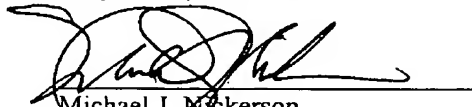
Claims 12-25, 30-34, 38-56, 65-80, 82-86, 88-91, 97-111, 115-120, 124-138, 142, 145, 150-185, 187-253, and 255-266 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-11, 26-29, 35-37, 57-64, 81, 87, 92-96, 112-114, 121-123, 139-141, 146-149, 186, and 254 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein.

As respectfully submitted above, independent claim 81 has been cancelled. Therefore, all the presently pending claims, as noted in the Examiner's Office Action of June 13, 2005, are considered allowable over the prior art of record.

**CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, in view of all the amendments and reasons set forth above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the present rejections. Also, an early indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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